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KASHMIR TIMES OFFICE RAIDED FOR 'SPREADING SECESSIONIST IDEALS'

J&K's State Investigation Agency raided the office of 'Kashmir Times' for allegedly "spreading terrorist and secessionist ideology"

14 CASES OF AK-SERIES WEAPONS FOUND: SIA

A spokesperson said a revolver, 14 empty cases of AK-series weapons, three live AK rounds, four fired bullets, four grenade levers and three pistol rounds were recovered from the office of the media house in Jammu. Anuradha Bhasin, executive editor of *Kashmir Times* told a news magazine she was 'surprised, not shocked' as the print edition shut shop in 2021-22

BLAST CASE: LENS ON INDIAN MUJAHIDEEN AIDE

- A Delhi court on Thursday sent Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganaie , Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay and Dr Shaheen Saeed in the car blast case to 10 days of NIA custody | **P11**
- Delhi Police has uncovered a fresh lead pointing to fugitive Indian Mujahideen operative Mirza Shadab Baig, an ex-student of Al-Falah

15 DAYS

CUSTODY FOR FOUR PRIME ACCUSED IN BLAST CASE WAS SOUGHT BY NIA

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TNIE EXCLUSIVE

Even non-IAF candidates will soon go to space: Shukla

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

GAPS between academia and the industry need to be bridged with high technology readiness for real world solutions to enable students and youth to avail the opportunities in the space sector in the coming years, India's first astronaut to visit the International Space Station and Gaganyatri, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, said on Thursday.

In an exclusive interaction with the *The New Indian Express* on the sidelines of the concluding day of the three-day Bengaluru Tech Summit-2025, he said the best way to navigate this gap between academia and industry is from the way one learns. "Whatever you learn, you should translate it into real-world solutions. We need to increasingly involve academia and get them to increase the technology readiness levels, and then the industry should take over," he said, stressing on the need to create an ecosystem where everyone is involved. "These are national efforts and exercises, so we need everyone to be involved to achieve this."

Shukla pointed out that as things are gradually changing in the space sector, and in the time ahead non-Indian Air Force candidates will also become astronauts. "The Indian Air Force training does help. But it is not that non-Air Force people cannot join as astronauts. They can, and they will in the coming times..." **P2**

Gaganyatri Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla delivers his keynote address at Bengaluru Tech Summit on Thursday | KEVIN NASHON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves a 'gamcha' after Nitish Kumar takes oath as Bihar CM, in Patna | PTI

Jr Kushwaha surprise pick in Nitish's 10th

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

JANATA Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar on Thursday took the oath as Bihar chief minister for the 10th time at Patna's historic Gandhi Maidan in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah, BJP chief JP Nadda, and several Union ministers and CMs of BJP-ruled states.

Nitish was administered the oath by Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, along with 26 ministers –14 from the BJP, eight from the JD(U), two from Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), and one each from Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM).

Senior BJP leaders Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha are among the ministers. The portfolios of the ministers have not been allotted.

Thirteen ministers belong to the OBC/EBC categories and five from the Dalit community. Eight ministers are upper castes, including four Rajputs. JD(U)'s Zaman Khan, who had served as a minister in the previous government, is the lone Muslim face.

Three women—Lesi Singh, Rama Nishad and Shreyasi Singh—have been included.

The new cabinet has 12 new faces. Rashtriya Lok Morcha founder Upendra Kushwaha's son Deepak Prakash, who did not contest the Assembly elections, is a surprise pick.

The maximum number of ministers permissible for the state cabinet, including the chief minister, is 36. **P12**

ANOTHER JUDGMENT SHOT DOWN

1. Going against a two-judge bench's order, SC says no timelines for Governor or President to act on bills passed by legislature
2. No deemed assent to bills on the ground that the Governor/ President failed to act within prescribed timelines
3. Actions of President/ Governor on a bill cannot be taken to court
4. Judiciary gets into the picture only after a bill becomes law
5. Limited scope for judicial intervention if Governor does not act on a bill within a reasonable time
6. Governor can reserve bill for consideration of the President even in a second instance, when the bill is represented to him for assent by the assembly in whatever form

NO TIMELINE

FOR ASSENT TO BILLS BY GUV, PRESIDENT: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court was unanimous in its opinion on Thursday that no timeline can be imposed by courts for a Governor or the President to grant assent to any legislation, but added that they cannot sit on the proposed bills indefinitely.

The 'opinion of the court' came on a Presidential reference in May following the verdict of two-judge bench in the Tamil Nadu Governor case, which laid down timelines for the President and the Governor to act on bills. The court also smoked out the concept of deemed assent embedded in a two-judge bench verdict by using its plenary power under Article 142.

"Articles 200 and 201 of the Constitution are framed to allow elasticity. The imposition of a timeline is strictly contrary to the Constitution. The concept of deemed assent presupposes that constitutional authority would place a substitute role for the Governor, it is antithetical to the separation of powers. We have no hesitation in concluding that deemed assent is virtually a takeover of functions of a constitutional authority. The concept of deemed assent is against the spirit of the Constitution and the doctrine of separation of powers," said the bench. Led by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai, the Constitution bench included justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar.

They said if there is a prolonged or unexplained delay by the Governor, the court can exercise a limited power of judicial review to direct the Governor to decide in a time-bound manner, without observing anything on the merits of the bill.

The court went on to opine that the discharge of functions by the Governor or President is not justiciable, adding that judicial review can be invoked only when a bill becomes law. Knocking off another prescription of the two-judge bench, the court said the President need not seek judicial review when a bill is reserved by the Governor under Article 200. "If in extraneous consideration, the President wants to seek, it can," the bench said. It also accepted the Union government's submission that the Governor need not act as per the aid and advice of Cabinet. **P11**

SIT submits report, names six as accused

D'STHALA CASE

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged mass burial case has filed a report under Section 215 of BNSS at a Belthangady court, naming the 45-year-old witness-complainant and five others — Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Girish Mattannavar, Vittal Gowda, Jayant T and Sujatha Gowda — as accused.

An officer associated with the investigation said the report consists of 3,923 pages. "The report has complete details from the witness-complainant's initial allegations of mass burial, the perjury case and developments that have taken place till now. In the perjury case, the court is the aggrieved party and through this report submission, we are praying to court to initiate further proceedings under Section 379 of BNSS. This court can approach another court or treat this investigation report as a chargesheet. Court may take ours and the accused statement or inquire further. We have given six names of which four are named as conspirators -- Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Girish Mattannavar, Vittal Gowda and Jayanth T," the officer said. **P7**

US OKs sale of weapons worth $92.8 million

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA'S procurement of two types of weapons from the US — Javelin ATG missiles and Excalibur precision guided munitions — worth $92.8 million moved a step closer as the US Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) formally notified Congress on its sale. While Javelin is a new acquisition, the Indian Army is already using Excaliburs.

"The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to India of the Javelin Missile System and related equipment. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress," notification read. Its estimated total cost is $45.7 million. Another approval notification on the sale of Excalibur projectiles and related equipment for an estimated cost of $47.1 million was issued.

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COPS GRILL OVER 30 SUSPECTS

Two taken into custody near Chittoor, AP. Accused used three cars to flee with the cash to Andhra where one vehicle was found abandoned. They had used multiple vehicle registration numbers | **P3**

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SPECIAL GUEST

Don Jr visits Agra, Udaipur up next

NAMITA BAJPAI & RAJESH ASNANI @ Lucknow / Jaipur

DONALD Trump Jr, son of US President Donald Trump, on Thursday visited the Taj Mahal in Agra.

A group of 126 special guests from nearly 40 countries accompanied him during the tour of the 17th-century marvel.

In view of the high-profile visit, the authorities had tightened security and spruced up the arrangements. According to sources, around 200 police personnel were deployed across key locations in the city and the security detail included officers of ACP and ADC rank.

This is Trump Jr's second visit to India. In February 2018, he had toured New Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and Kolkata.

Donald Trump Jr at the Taj Mahal on Thursday. He spent an hour at the monument

From Agra, Trump Jr will travel to Udaipur in Rajasthan to attend a high-profile wedding. Sources said he will reach Udaipur on Friday evening and will stay there till Monday.

Sources said Trump Jr will be staying at The Leela Palace.

The multi-day celebrations, from November 21 to 24, are for the wedding of Netra Mantena, daughter of US-based billionaire Rama Raju Mantena, and Vamsi Gadiraju. The main ceremony is on November 23 at the iconic Jag Mandir Palace, set on an island in Lake Pichola.

STAR STUDDED WEDDING

The guest list includes Hollywood stars Jennifer Lopez and Justin Bieber, who are expected to perform at the event. Internationally acclaimed South African DJ and song writer Black Coffee are also set to perform at the gala wedding